

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 23, 2008

TIME The meeting convened at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT Chair Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Moore, Commissioners Longley-Cook, Fort, Kirola and Kreitz.

ABSENT Commissioners Berger and Robinson

MINUTES

The May 27, 2008 minutes were approved with the following corrections: under New Business, Item Number 1: changed question regarding Tinker Avenue from Commissioner Kirola to Commissioner Longley-Cook; and Changed "Motion Seconded" from Commissioner Kirola to Commissioner Longley-Cook.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written communication.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Alameda Landing Development (Andrew Thomas, Planning Dept.):**

Andrew Thomas, Planning Manager, provided updated information on the Alameda Landing Project and addressed items concerning disability issues as they relate to the Project's development. The Project is approved; however, it is being developed on a phased planning design so input can be received for each design review portion of the project.

Commissioner Kreitz asked if there would be connectors at Alameda Point to which Mr. Thomas replied yes, and that there would be no more sound walls similar to the Bayport Housing Project. Tinker Avenue will connect and extend from College of Alameda to Webster Street, as will Fifth Street.

Commissioner Kreitz asked if there would be transportation to which Mr. Thomas responded there would be a water shuttle transporting people from Alameda Landing to Broadway in Oakland.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked if there will be single-level homes and transportation designs for accessibility issues such as wheel walks and would these items be included in the retail portion of the project? Mr. Thomas responded that he is aware that the design of open space and retail will be fully accessible for the disabled and that the housing portion is not being worked on at

this point of the project. There are more concerns being expressed by elderly for single-level, smaller homes. Mr. Thomas encouraged the Commission to make recommendations to the Council regarding these housing issues.

Vice-Chair Moore asked what is the percentage of housing for the low-income to which Mr. Thomas responded 25%. Vice-Chair Moore stated low-income housing should include families with disabilities.

Mr. Thomas stated that the Commission on Disability Issues should be added to the distribution list for all things concerning Catellus and Alameda Landing. Secretary Akil stated that Chair Lord-Hausman's name should be added to that list.

Mr. Thomas thanked the Commission for their input and indicated he would return with future updates.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Alameda Point Curb Cut Project (Terri Wright, Development Services Dept.):

Terri Wright, Development Services Dept., gave a presentation on the AP Curb Cut Project's goals, overview, limitations, summary and all ADA ramps and reasonable accommodations in connection with the project.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked clarification regarding the Alameda Point Collaborative (APC). Ms. Wright stated that APC was formed based on the McKinney Act, which recognizes that surplus military housing be designated for the homeless.

Commissioner Kirola asked about the location of the Food Bank to which Ms. Wright stated that the main sight is located on Webster and Constitution Streets, and the site at AP is their warehouse, although they do distribute food from there.

Vice-Chair Moore stated that this project shows value to the community and lets people living at Alameda Point know that there is a commitment by the City to improve living conditions until the property is fully developed. Ms. Wright responded that this project is about service to the people.

Commissioner Kirola asked if bus service is available for school children since approximately half of the 200 individuals at AP are children, to which Ms. Wright replied that there is a 63 Bus Line that travels through AP and most of the children located there attend Ruby Bridges Elementary School which is within walking distance.

Ms. Wright thanked the Commission for their questions and input and indicated that she will return to provide an update for Phase II of the project.

2. Concerts at the Cove (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Dates for the remaining concerts were confirmed by Commissioner Longley-Cook who indicated she would attend on June 13; Chair Lord-Hausman will attend on July 11; and Commissioners Berger and Kreitz who will attend on August 8.

Commissioner Longley-Cook stated that one individual from a nursing home came to the table during the June 13 concert. There were a couple of individuals who stopped by requesting information regarding the Regional Center. Vice-Chair Moore responded that she would get more information to hand out about the Regional Center.

3. CDI Attendance (Chair Lord-Hausman):

Chair Lord-Hausman emphasized the importance of attendance requirements of the Commissioners and reminded everyone to call Secretary Akil if unable to attend.

4. Commission Disability Internet Link (Chair Lord-Hausman/Secretary Akil):

Secretary Akil stated there were no new updates to the disability internet link since the last meeting. Commissioners Kreitz and Moore suggested some additional website possibilities and options once the City's redesigned website up and running.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Akil provided information regarding Commissioner Berger's request to address the inoperable gate button in the back of the Main Library and the limited amount of disabled bathroom stalls that include diaper-changing tables. Secretary Akil stated that she and Chair Lord-Hausman spoke to Jane Chisaki, Library Director, who indicated that the button at the back of the building is only operable during business hours and that she would have a sign posted next to that button with that information. Ms. Chisaki also agreed to look into purchasing disabled symbols or signs to place on the door of each of the disabled stalls to remind individuals that these bathrooms are priority for those with accessibility needs. These signs will be placed on the front of the bathroom stalls as funding becomes available within the Library budget.

Commissioner Longley-Cook described additional access issues once being buzzed in at the back door to the outside patio area and still requiring to be let into the actual library as well as space issues. Chair Lord-Hausman stated the library had to work with the space they have.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Kreitz distributed the draft Commission on Disability Issues Calendar covering June 2008 – May 2009. Changes and recommendations were made for calendar editing. She will send a revised draft to Chair Lord-Hausman for review.

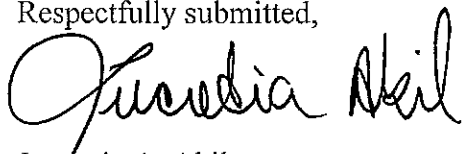
As part of that discussion, the Commission agreed to combine the November and December meetings to December 8, 2008.

2. Chair Lord-Hausman informed the Commission that she spoke with Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager at Mastick Senior Center, regarding possible joint efforts at various City-wide events. Ms. Krause indicated that they do not have sufficient staff available, however, they will distribute information provided to them about the Commission at events they participate in.
3. Commissioner Longley-Cook distributed a flyer about an event sponsored by The Arthritis Foundation, Bone and Joint Expo, which is Saturday, October 18, 2008, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Concord Hilton Hotel.
4. Vice-Chair Moore stated that she is willing to organize another tree planting event as part of Disability Awareness Month, October 2008 that the Commission supports. Vice-Chair Moore also indicated that she would like to acknowledge April as National Autism Awareness month.
5. Chair Lord-Hausman informed the Commission that the removal of parking spaces along Central Avenue in front of Alameda High School was due to the redesign of the street. Following the removal of the parallel parking along Central Avenue, AUSD reverted these spaces back to the original disabled parking spaces at the Oak Street parking lot. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that Public Works would discuss better signage with AUSD regarding these changes.
6. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the Federal Government is coming out with new ADA legislation and suggested Secretary Akil check with Jim Fruit, Project Manager from Sally Swanson Architects who assisted the City in its ADA Transition Update, regarding any information on how it may affect the City.
7. Commissioner Kreitz stated the Bike Plan Task Force Committee had a meeting but she was unable to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 28, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 360 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lucretia Akil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucretia" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Akil".

Lucretia A. Akil
Commission Secretary